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Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

List of fifteen civil society representatives to be invited to the informal interactive panel discussion held in connection with the day of high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be convened at the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. By its resolution 57/299 of 20 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to convene at its fifty-eighth session a day of high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of its twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

2. By the same resolution, the General Assembly further decided that an informal interactive panel discussion would be held in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting.

3. Also by the same resolution, the General Assembly decided that, in addition to Member States, observers, representatives of the entities of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and non-governmental members of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, an invitation to the informal interactive panel discussion would be extended to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and to not more than fifteen civil society representatives of international, national or community organizations, including those representing and working for people living with HIV/AIDS, and the private sector, including pharmaceutical companies, and requested the President of the General Assembly, following appropriate consultations with Member States, to draw up the list of those civil society representatives, on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Programme and taking into account the principle of geographical

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representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a non-objection basis for a final decision by the Assembly on participation.

4. Pursuant to resolution 57/299, on 25 April 2003 the President of the General Assembly addressed to Member States a letter containing a list of fifteen civil society representatives, to which no objection was received.

5. The President of the General Assembly therefore has the honour to submit to the General Assembly in the annex to the present conference room paper the list of fifteen civil society representatives for its final decision.

Annex

List of fifteen civil society representatives to be invited to the informal interactive panel discussion

Réseau africain des jeunes de lutte contre le SIDA (RAJS)

The principal objective of RAJS is to advocate and develop leadership among young people and encourage their involvement as part of a strategic response to HIV/AIDS/SIDA. RAJS promotes the exchange of information and the sharing of experiences between and among organizations, non-governmental organizations and members at local and national levels to ensure that adequate information on HIV/AIDS reaches young people. It also encourages advocacy for youth participation in policy- and decision-making. At the national level, RAJS is structured and functions within one of three principal organizations of the Secrétariat national de coordination (SNC). It has four regional focal points and provincial coordinators and operates in 38 of the 45 provinces.

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Réseau africain des personnes vivant avec le VIH/SIDA (RAP+)

RAP+ is a network of people living with HIV and AIDS on the African continent. Its objectives include sensitizing people in Africa on HIV/AIDS-related issues, particularly the vulnerability of young people to HIV infection; encouraging the development of organizations of people living with HIV and AIDS at country levels; and advocating for the protection of the fundamental rights of people living with HIV to health, employment, travel, social security and marriage, among others.

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African Council of AIDS Service Organisations (AfriCASO)

AfriCASO is a network of non-governmental organizations and community organizations dedicated to exchanging information and experiences at the national, subregional and regional levels to reinforce the role of civil society in the fight against AIDS. Through the process of information-sharing, representation and advocacy, AfriCASO seeks to unite and strengthen the efforts of these groups in

order to reduce the transmission of HIV, provide care and support to people affected by HIV/AIDS and minimize the impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

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Thai NGO Coalition on AIDS

The Coalition is an umbrella body that brings together different local non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations in Thailand, including organizations of people living with HIV/AIDS working in the north, north-east and central regions and Bangkok. The Coalition is very actively involved in many activities to follow up on the targets and indicators of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and on other related issues, including the Global Fund on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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Philippine HIV/AIDS NGO Support Program (PHANSuP)

PHANSuP is a premiere resource organization committed to mobilizing and supporting population, health and development non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations in the areas of resource generation and mobilization, capacity-building, advocacy, partnership building and networking, and information management and dissemination. PHANSuP is active in the field of HIV and AIDS, and works with and is recommended by the non-governmental organizations sector and the multisectoral Philippine National AIDS Council chaired by the Government.

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Indian Network for People living with HIV/AIDS (INP+)

INP+ is a non-profit community-based organization of people living with HIV, and its secretariat is located in Chennai. Formed in February 1997 by twelve people living with HIV, INP+ is a national network of, for and by people living with HIV/AIDS in India. The organization aims to improve the quality of life of people

living with HIV in India. INP+ exists to provide a sense of belonging and togetherness to people living with HIV.

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Association pour l'information sur les drogues et le SIDA (AIDS Algérie)

AIDS Algérie is one of the most active non-governmental organizations and works closely with a network of other non-governmental organizations, national authorities and United Nations agencies in the country. The main objective of the organization is to promote the health of the individual and the community. It is engaged in information, education and communication activities on HIV/AIDS prevention. It provides counselling services and contributes to study and research on AIDS.

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Your Choice

Tvoi Vybor, or Your Choice, is a non-governmental organization working directly on the AIDS epidemic. It offers a range of services, including confidential voluntary counselling and testing. Tvoi Vybor has received funding from Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, the Swedish International Development Agency and the Embassy of the Netherlands. Its latest project is funded by a three-year grant of US$ 1.3 million from the Government of Canada.

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All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS

The network was established in December 2000 and now has more than 200 members, which include representatives in 17 regions of Ukraine. The All-Ukrainian

Network took part in the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly and is therefore familiar with the environment and expectations.

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Consejo Latinoamericano y del Caribe de ONGs con Servicio en VIH/SIDA (LACCASO)

Acción Ciudadana Contra el SIDA (ACCSI)

The main mission of LACCASO is to strengthen the capacity of non-governmental organizations to promote and advocate for the adoption of policies and programmes, at the national and regional levels, that protect and promote the human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and the communities most affected. It acts as a regional HIV/AIDS and human rights non-governmental organization to monitor human rights based on national constitutions, international and regional treaties, and the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights.

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Associación Civil SOLDAR — International Community of Women Living with AIDS (ICW)

The main aim of the ICW is to reduce the isolation of women living with HIV/AIDS by exchanging information on health issues, self-help, human rights and setting up local support networks. ICW works with many partners and provides services to and through affected individuals and families, support groups, other groups and networks, agencies, non-governmental organizations and AIDS service organizations and Governments at the regional, national and local levels.

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Caribbean Conference of Churches

The Caribbean Conference of Churches is the regional ecumenical body of the Caribbean and is one of the vanguard development agencies in the region, targeting the poor and marginalized. Through its regional programme in sustainable development the organization addresses the issues of poverty, unemployment, food security, family life, youth, women and HIV/AIDS.

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Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+)

GNP+ is a global network for and by people with HIV/AIDS. The central secretariat of the network is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and has a board of 12 members representing various regions worldwide. The overall aim of GNP+ is to work to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS. This is achieved by helping to build the capacity of people with HIV/AIDS on the global, regional and national levels.

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Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS

The Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GBC), established in 1997, is a rapidly expanding alliance of international businesses dedicated to combating the AIDS epidemic through the business sector's unique skills and expertise. Its mission is to increase significantly the number of companies committed to tackling AIDS, and make business a valued partner in the global efforts against the epidemic. HIV/AIDS should be a core business issue for every company, particularly those with interests in heavily affected countries. With the support of global leaders in Government, business and civil society, GBC promotes greater partnerships in the global response to HIV/AIDS, identifying new, innovative opportunities for the business sector to join the growing global movement against this terrible disease.

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International AIDS Trust (IAT)

IAT was established to create strategic opportunities for galvanizing leadership, mobilizing resources, and promoting effective interventions in the global battle against AIDS. It is a single-focused non-governmental organization with both long-range vision and rapid response capability. While IAT is new, its principals shaped the expanded response by the Government of the United States of America to the pandemic and now seek to bring the same energy and skill to a private sector venture through public education, programmes and policy, and leadership, partnership and investment. IAT works at home and abroad to advocate sound policy, create strategic partnerships, and increase awareness of the global AIDS crisis and the opportunity to make a difference. IAT reaches out to heads of Government, policy makers and parliamentarians; labour, business, faith and foundation leaders; and private citizens. With IAT support, those leaders are using their talent, influence and position to strengthen and support an expanded response to the global AIDS epidemic.

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